

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town/City: Town of Eastham

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): North Eastham

Photograph



Address: 4475 State Highway

Historic Name: Edwin W. & Beatrice Horton House

Uses: Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

Date of Construction: 1925

Source: deeds, tax records

Style/Form: bungalow

Architect/Builder: Clayton O. Horton, builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation: undetermined (probably concrete block)

Wall/Trim: wood shingles/wood

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: garage converted to cottage

Major Alterations (*with dates*): none

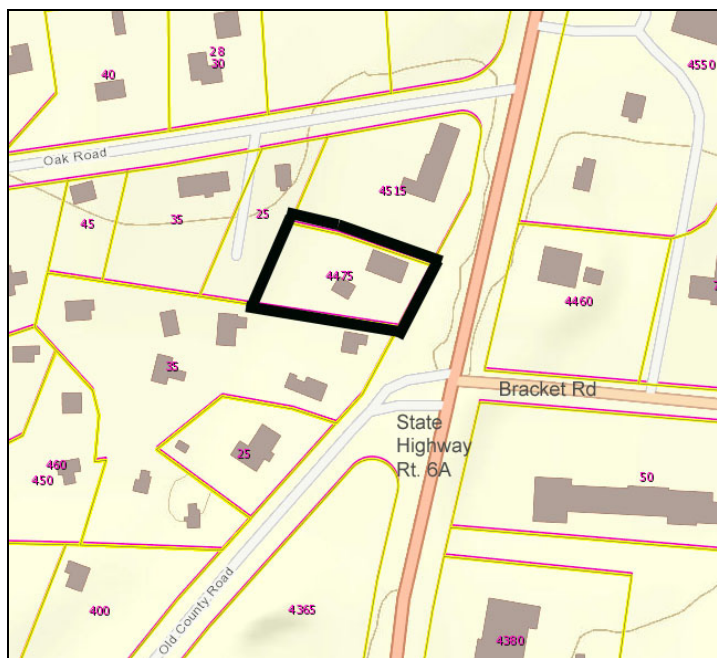
Condition: good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.42 acre

Setting: The subject property is located on the west side of State Highway/Rt. 6 north of its intersection with Old County Rd. (west side) and Bracket Rd. (east side). The area has a mix of land uses. Nickerson [Auto] Service Center occupies the adjoining property to the north. A Texaco gas station is directly across the highway to the east and south of it is a strip retail center. To the south are the Oak Grove condos and a two-family dwelling. Single family properties are located west along Oak Rd.

Locus Map (north at top)



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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The primary building on the subject property is a small one-story wood frame bungalow with a hipped roof to which a hipped front dormer was added in 2005.¹ The dormer was supposed to have three windows, but instead has two four-light barn sashes. Asphalt shingles sheath the roofs. The full front porch has been glazed with two-light windows (not double hung) atop a kneewall. The building is clad with wood shingles painted red and trim is white-painted wood.

A small one-story cross-gable cottage is located to the rear and left (southwest) of the primary dwelling and it may be a conversion and remodeling of the original garage on the site, but no building permit for that is on file. A wood privacy fence (vertical wood slats topped with lattice banding) dating to 2005 extends southward from the right side of the house and a matching section, which is stepped back to the west screens the cottage. A white wood picket fence extends from it to the north. Chain link fencing encloses the rear yard.² An unimproved driveway off State Highway runs along the south side of the dwelling back to the privacy fence, with a turn-around area near the street. The property is heavily landscaped, having many mature trees and shrubs, both coniferous (cedars) and deciduous, ground cover, ivy, and flower beds.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house at 4475 State Highway appears to have been built by Clayton O. Horton immediately prior to deeding the parcel to Edwin Weston Horton in October 1925.³ A builder and real estate developer in Eastham, Clayton O. Horton was the son of Osgood W. Horton (1835-1903) and grandson of Isaiah Holbrook Horton Jr. (1835-1903), whose half-brother Robert Ripley Horton (1856-1917) was Edwin W. Horton's father. The Horton family owned a great deal of property in North Eastham, especially in this vicinity.

Edwin Weston Horton was an Eastham native born in 1889. His father was the Eastham railroad station agent, a position he first held in 1877, and was the town's postmaster from 1882. In 1915, the year he married Beatrice Hannah Rogers of Eastham, he was working as a fisherman, and by 1920 he was a surfman at the U.S. Life-Saving Service station in Eastham. The census that year lists him as a renter; the household included his wife and their children, Edwin W. Jr. and Dorothy.⁴

Tax records for 1926 show Edwin Horton in North Eastham with a house valued at \$4000, a homestead lot of a third of an acre, and no other property. The 1930 census shows him as a house carpenter, possibly working with Clayton, who was enumerated next door. By 1931 Horton had built a garage on the .33-acre homestead lot. The 1940 census lists him in the same 4475 State Highway house with his wife and working as a carpenter, and his 1942 draft registration shows him as employed by the Miami firm of Embry Riddle Company, which was a training school for aircraft pilots, mechanics, instructors, and factory workers founded in 1939. By 1947 tax records show Edwin Horton with the .33-acre lot, a 4475 State Highway house valued at \$3350, and a cottage valued at \$500.

In 1952 Edwin Horton sold 4475 State Highway to Clyde M. and Marion E. Keene, who in turn sold the property two years later to Harry and Pearl L. Taylor of New York City.⁵ The Taylors owned the property until 1980, when they sold it to Albert Thomas Dill of Eastham. Three years later the Dill Family Trust sold 4475 State Highway to Donald K. Weeks, who transferred title to the property to George E. Weeks, trustee of 1469 Farmington Realty Trust, in 1995.⁶

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¹ Town of Eastham records, building permit issued June 23, 2013.

² Ibid., building permit for both fences dated Aug. 8, 2005.

³ Clayton O. Horton to Edwin W. Horton, 15 October 1925, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (hereafter cited as BCD) 416:372.

⁴ Edwin Weston Horton Jr., born in 1916, was among the crew members of the famed fleet of "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders" who flew a clandestine mission that, on 18 April 1942, bombed Tokyo and other Japanese cities; it was the first bombing of Japanese targets after Pearl Harbor. He joined the Army in 1935 and retired from the Air Force in 1960. See Marilyn C. Schofield and Roberta Cornish, *Images of America: Eastham* (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2003), 75.

⁵ Edwin W. Horton to Clyde M. and Marion E. Keene, 7 November 1952, BCD 826:393; Clyde M. and Marion E. Keene, Eastham, to Harry and Pearl L. Taylor, New York NY, 1954 (day and month not shown), BCD 865:455. For some reason the Keenes are shown as owning the property in 1947 tax records with the deed book and page number from the 1952 deed.

⁶ Pearl L. Taylor to A. Thomas Dill, 12 March 1980, BCD 3068:208; "Plan of Land in Eastham, Mass. Made for Pearl L. Taylor," July 1968, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds Plan (hereafter cited as BCP) 340:79; A. Thomas Dill, trustee, to Donald K. Weeks, 2 September 1983, BCD 3860:127; Donald K. Weeks to George E. Weeks, trustee, 19 April 1995, BCD 9757:278.

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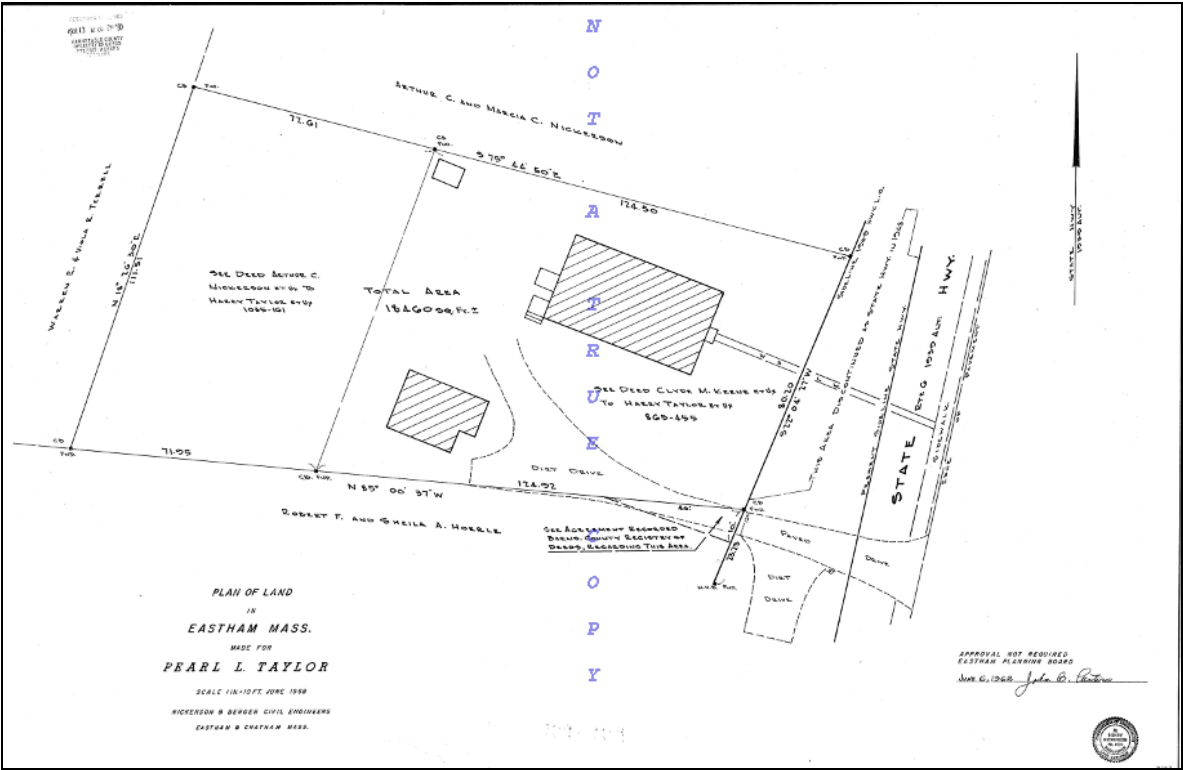
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SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES



In 1968 Pearl Taylor recorded this plan of 4475 State Highway depicting the house, garage, and a small outbuilding (BCP 340:79).

PHOTOGRAPHS

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View from east.



Detail view from east of cottage